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# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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As referenced in the News-Press, forecasts are predicting that 20-25 named tropical storms, 8-12 hurricanes, and 4-7 major hurricanes from the Atlantic could make landfall on the United States this hurricane season. Of those storms, 4-6 of those are predicted to have direct US impacts.

Hurricane season is approaching, and being prepared is the best defense against these powerful storms. Read these tips to safeguard your family, home, cars, and other valuables.

- 1. Create a plan:** Develop a detailed evacuation plan that includes multiple routes and destinations. Prepare a list of local service vendors who you can contact following the storm (estate manager, home watch, electrician, roofer, plumber, locksmith, handyman, water/mold mitigation, etc). Keep your vendor list, insurance policies, and other important documents in a waterproof and portable container.
- 2. Secure Your Home:** Be sure to install manual shutters and brace your garage door before evacuating your home. Note that many insurers will apply much higher wind deductibles if your shutter system is not installed before the hurricane makes landfall. Trim trees and shrubs, and secure outdoor furniture and decorations.
- 3. Stock Up on Supplies:** Have a well-stocked emergency kit that includes water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, and a first aid kit. Plan for at least three days of supplies for each person and pet.
- 4. Prepare Your Vehicle:** If you live within 1 mile of the coastline, you would be well served to have a full evacuation plan in place. Be sure to contact your preferred car transport company as soon as a hurricane is predicted to make landfall. Move vehicles to secure facilities or even public parking lots located more than 4 miles from the coast. Keep your gas tank full and have a vehicle emergency kit in case you need to evacuate. Plan your evacuation route in advance and keep a map in your car in case GPS is unavailable.
- 5. Evacuate if Necessary:** If local authorities recommend or order an evacuation, follow their instructions promptly. Your safety is the top priority.
- 6. After the Storm:** Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe to do so. Be cautious of hazards such as downed power lines, floodwaters, and weakened structures.

By taking these proactive steps, you can help protect your home and family during hurricane season. Remember, preparation is key to staying safe and minimizing the impact of these powerful storms. Stay informed, stay safe, and be prepared.

McCloud, Cheryl. "The 2024 Hurricane Season Forecasts Are Alarming. Can History Teach Us What to Expect?" *News-Press, Treasure Coast Newspapers*, 16 Apr. 2024.